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a Yong man faine would do:
To ſerue his Maſter out his time,
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His bondage wiſht for liberty,
that he might haue a wife
At his owne will, for to doe ſtill
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In haſte he choſe himſelfe then one,
and quickly was he wed:
But crooked cares of houſhold charge,
moleſted much his head.
His wedding ſhooes no ſooner off,
but his commanding wife
Did make him pray,and often ſay,
Any thing for a quiet life.

His wife (yong Laſſe) grew wäton ſick,
within a day or two:
And long'd,ſhe knew not well for what,
as many women doe.
The daintieſt things that could be got,
he gaue vnto his wife,
And for her ſake,did vndertake
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With Plums,and Peares,& Cherries ripe,
of twenty ſhillings a pound,
With Peſcods newly from the blome,
if any might be found.
All which he muſt goe ſeeke forthwith,
to pleaſe his longing wife:
Thus married men doe now and then,
to haue a quiet life.

Seuen Holydayes in one weeke,
ſhe ſtill deſired to make,
And euery day to lye till noone,
for feare her head ſhould ake.
For want of ſleepe would trouble ſore
this his yong teeming wife,
That would haue dyed,if he denyed
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For breakefaſt in her bed ſhe had
a Cawdle of Muſkadine: (Larks,
And then with Woodcocks and with
ſhe muſt riſe vp and dine:
Where he kind-hearted married man,
giues welcome to his wife:
For doe but craue,quoth he,and haue,
any thing for a quiet life.

At laſt her Child-bed time drew on,
where money muſt be ſpent:
In dainty Lawnes & Cambricks fine,
or elſe no way content.
Her houſe muſt be as well ſet out,
as any Cities wife:
Thus fill'd with care, he muſt not ſpare,
any thing for a quiet life.

Her Nurſes weekely charge likewiſe,
with many a Goſſips feaſt: (light,
He well perceiu'd,when purſe grew
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The ſecond part. To the ſame tune.

THeſe Chriſtning charges ouer-paſt,
the Churching day came on:
Againſt which time, her Taylor muſt
her garded Gowne bring home.
Her Petti-coat of Stammell red,
new giuen vnto his wife: (ſaid,
Which charges paid, this Yong-man
any thing for a quiet life.

Thus after many a braue Carowſe,
vpon her Churching day,
Her tattling Goſſips her perſwade,
in this her rich array,
To take the comforts of the ayre,
and pleaſures of a wife:
While he at home, ſayes like a mome,
any thing for a quiet life.

Vnto her Nurſe-child then muſt ſhe,
in iollity and ioy,
Some ten miles diſtance for to ſee,
the image of her Boy.
Well mounted on an ambling Nagge,
with ſome kinde neighbours wife,
Whilſt hee poore ſoule muſt ſing in dole,
any thing for a quiet life.

Not any meeting in ſeuen miles,
where Gallants doe repayre:
But ſhe will braue it with the beſt,
and for no charges ſpare.
If fault her Huſband finde therewith,
ſhe proues a frowning wife,
And tyres him ſo, till he beſtow,
any thing for a quiet life.

His old acquaintance muſt he not
at any time goe ſee:
Except ſhe grant, and giue him leaue,
or there in preſence be.
And then his purſe he muſt yeeld vp
to his commanding wife:
While he muſt ſay, Good woman pay
any thing for a quiet life.

Thus yeere by yeere, he ſpent his dayes,
in troubles and in cares:
A warning fit for him which thus,
himſelfe to marriage ſnares.
The onely hell vpon this earth,
to haue an angry wife:
To make vs ſay both night and day,
any thing for a quiet life.

Let Yong-men all take heed by this,
how they doe match and marry:
He leads a life of libertie,
that doth the longeſt tarry.
It is the foremoſt ſtep to woe,
to wed vnto a wife,
That will haue ſtill, at her owne will,
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